



Deering, Alaska.

Mar. 23, 1912.

Mr. Walter C. Shields;

Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The character Mollie Hobson, who had gone to Candle when you were in Deering, has returned, and conditions are as bad or worse than before, if reports are true. I told her plainly this week of sorrow and trouble awaiting her if she does not quit her sin.

I informed her that if she did not expect to quit, that the best thing for her to do is to leave Deering,

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and stay away, and that I would report her to the Government at Home.

I have heard that the white men have told her to stay, that nothing will be done about it.

The general condition of affairs here in the town seems to be, less respect for law and order than when you were here.

We wish to take all proper steps to make this a decent town.

Respectfully,

Martha Minnicutt